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GAS SERVICES DIVISION**

**GAS UTILITIES  
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Orders were issued in the following dockets:

None at this time.

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**SECTION 1****NEW APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FILED**

<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	--	9665
<b>CAPTION</b>	--	Amendment of 16 Tex. Admin. Code 8.101 relating to Pipeline Integrity.
<b>DATE FILED</b>	--	April 19, 2006
<b>FILED BY</b>	--	Commission's own Motion.
<b>EXAMINER</b>	--	Mary McDaniel
<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	--	9666
<b>CAPTION</b>	--	New 16 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 7, Subchapter F, relating to Pipeline Appeal of City Assessment of Annual Charge, to implement new Texas Natural Resources Code, 117.102 and Texas Utility Code, 121.2025, enacted by Senate Bill 480 and House Bill 951, 79 <sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session
<b>DATE FILED</b>	--	April 27, 2006
<b>FILED BY</b>	--	Commission's own Motion.
<b>EXAMINER</b>	--	Mary Ross McDonald
<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	--	9667
<b>CAPTION</b>	--	Application of ONEOK Texas Transmission, L.P. to Abandon Service to Hemphill Contracting Co., Inc. D/B/A Mitchell County Utility Company.
<b>DATE FILED</b>	--	April 26, 2006
<b>FILED BY</b>	--	Ana Maria Marsland-Griffith
<b>EXAMINER</b>	--	Mark Evarts
<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	--	9668
<b>CAPTION</b>	--	Inquiry into the Failure of Faraday Pipeline Co. to Comply with Safety Standards.
<b>DATE FILED</b>	--	May 10, 2006
<b>FILED BY</b>	--	Commission's own Motion
<b>EXAMINER</b>	--	
<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	--	9669
<b>CAPTION</b>	--	Inquiry into the Failure of Occidental Energy Co., Inc. to Comply with Safety Standards.
<b>DATE FILED</b>	--	May 10, 2006
<b>FILED BY</b>	--	Commission's own Motion
<b>EXAMINER</b>	--	
<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	--	9670
<b>CAPTION</b>	--	Petition for De Novo Review of the Reduction of the Gas Utility Rates for Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division, by the Cities of Benbrook, Crandall, et al.
<b>DATE FILED</b>	--	May 4, 2006
<b>FILED BY</b>	--	J. Alan Holman
<b>EXAMINER</b>	--	Eugene Montes

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**DOCKET NO.** -- 9671  
**CAPTION** -- Appeal of Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division, for Review of Municipal Rate Actions  
Regarding the Annual GRIP Filing from the Cities of Alvord, Anson, et al.  
**DATE FILED** -- May 10, 2006  
**FILED BY** -- John K. Arnold  
**EXAMINER** -- Stephen Pitner

**DOCKET NO.** -- 9672  
**CAPTION** -- Petition for De Novo Review of the Reduction of the Gas Utility Rates for Atmos Energy Corp.,  
Mid-Tex Division, by the City of Justin.  
**DATE FILED** -- May 10, 2006  
**FILED BY** -- J. Alan Holman  
**EXAMINER** -- Eugene Montes

**SECTION 2**  
**APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS SET FOR HEARING OR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

None at this time.

**SECTION 3**  
**STATUS OF PENDING CASES**

None at this time.

**SECTION 4**  
**NOTICES OF DISMISSAL**

None at this time.

**SECTION 5**  
**ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION**

None at this time.

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**SECTION 6**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

**STEPHEN L. PITNER, GAS SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR**

**1. OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

**A. Publications**

1. Texas Utilities Code Titles 3 and 4. Now available at the State of Texas' website at:  
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/uttoc.html>  
  
Special Rules of Practice and Procedure and Substantive Rules. Now available thru the Commission's Website at:  
[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac\\_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=16&pt=1&ch=7)
2.
  - a. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/TABLECON04.htm>
  - b. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2003 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents03.html>
  - c. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2002 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents02.html>
  - d. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2001 – available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/tablecontents01.html>
  - e. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2000 - \$17.00 (includes statistical data for 1999)
  - f. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999 - \$9.00 (includes statistical data for 1998)
  - g. Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1998 - \$7.00 (includes statistical data for 1997)
3. Six MCF Monthly Residential Gas Bill Analysis for Twenty-five Texas Cities - \$2.00 – Now available via the Commission's website at:  
<http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/sixmcf.html>

Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of any of the publications or maps listed in Section A should contact the Central Records Section at 512-463-6887 OR 512-463-6882 P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

**B. Interest Rate on Customer Deposits**

We have been advised by the Public Utility Commission that the interest rate to be applied to customer deposits in calendar year 2006 is 3.09%. All gas utilities should use 6% through December 31, 2005 and use 3.09% effective January 1, 2006.

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**2. UTILITY AUDIT SECTION****A. Maintains headquarters and three district offices as follows:**

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building

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Konata Uzoma, Auditor

**B. Gas Utility Tax, Annual Reports and Audit Reports**

1. Questions relating to gas utility tax, call Rachel Hampton at (512) 463-7022.
2. Questions relating to annual reports, call Rachel Hampton or Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.
3. Inquiries relating to audit reports, call Pearl Rodriguez at (512) 463-7022.

**C. Available Information**

Copies of gas utility annual reports (1999 to present), as well as information relating to any of the above, A through C, are available for review at the William B. Travis Building, Gas Services Division, 9th Floor, 1701 North Congress. All requests for copies must be made in writing and should be addressed to the Audit Section. Copies will be provided for a fee, depending on the volume of copy work desired, allow a minimum of five days for completion of requests. Inquiries regarding copies should be directed to the Audit Section at (512) 463-7022, or Fax your request to (512) 475-3180.

**3. MARKET OVERSIGHT****A. Maintains the following office to assist you:**

Headquarters - William B. Travis Building

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**B. Gas Utilities Information Bulletin**Published on the Commission's web site at: <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/divisions/gs/rap/raphls.html>**C. Proposals For Decision**

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**D. Tariff Filings**

Questions pertaining to the filing of tariffs and/or quality of service rules should be directed to Kathy Arroyo, Yolanda Lovelace or Marie Blanco at (512) 463-7167.

**E. Curtailments**

Curtailment questions should be referred to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., should be made to (512) 463-7167. Curtailment reports made during hours other than those specified above and holidays, should be made to (512) 463-6788.

**F. Compliance Filings**

Questions regarding gas utilities docket compliance filing requirements should be referred to Mark Brock at (512) 463-7164.

**G. Complaints and Inquiries**

All complaints and inquiries relating to the gas utility industry should be directed to the Market Oversight Section at (512) 463-7164.

**H. Pending RRC Rules and Regulations:**

GUD No. 9277 Amendments to §7.305 Curtailment Rule

**4. HEARINGS AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

**A. Miscellaneous**

Anyone wishing to obtain copies of appendices to Orders appearing in Section 5 of this Bulletin should contact the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.

**B. Status of Pending Cases**

The status of all pending cases listed in Section 3 of this Bulletin is for informational purposes only and is complete up to the time of printing of this Bulletin. For a more accurate status of pending cases, please call the Legal Division at (512) 463-7017.